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MAL-FUNCTIONING OF ESI HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about the mal-functioning of ESI Hospitals in providing the medical facilities to the patients;

(b) if so, whether ESI hospitals are not working to the satisfaction of the patients;

(c) whether the Government have received complaints from Employees stating that the facilities provided at these Hospitals are very poor and not satisfactory;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective measures taken/to be taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (e): There have been sporadic complaints about shortage of medical and paramedical staff, lack of drugs, dressings, equipments etc. in some ESI hospitals in the country. The responsibility for administration of medical care under the ESI Scheme vests in the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations except in Delhi and Noida where it is being administered directly by the ESIC. The ESIC has prescribed norms/guidelines for staffing and equipments in the ESI hospitals/dispensaries. However, recently in order to improve health care facilities in ESI hospitals/dispensaries, the ESIC has formulated an Action Plan and forwarded the same to State Governments for implementation. The Action Plan includes inter-alia provision of modern equipment system in hospitals, availability of basic equipments in dispensaries, establishments of regional trauma centres, establishment of super speciality services, blood banks, cancer treatment centres, development of indigenous system of medicines, development of tie-up arrangements with reputed medical institutions etc.